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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - CASEY VISIT TO PHILIPPINES
1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT MAY 21.
Q: WOLLD YOL COMMENT ON THE NEWSWEEK STORY THAT CIA DIRECTOR CASEY PROPOSED OR SUGGESTED TO PRESIDENT MARCOS THAT EARLY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS BE HELD IN THE PHILPPPINES.
A: THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF ELECTIONS IS A MATTER FOR DECISION BY THE PHILIPPINES. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THIS ISSJE, AND WE CERTAINLY HAVE MADE NO PROPOSALS OR SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE TIMING OF ELECTIONS.
Q: BUT WHAT ABOUT CIA DIRECTOR CASEY? DID HE OR DID HE NOT SUGGEST EARLY ELECTIONS TO PRESIDENT MARCOS?
A: MR. CASEY IS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. I REFER YOU TO MY PREVIOUS ANSWER.
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A: (IF ASKED) WHAT DID MR. CASEY TALK ABOUT WITH PRESIDENT?
A:- IF YOL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CIA DIRECTOR YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE AGENCY. SHULTZ
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